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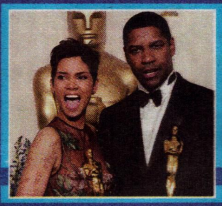

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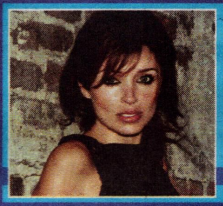

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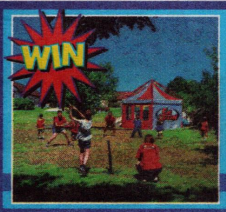

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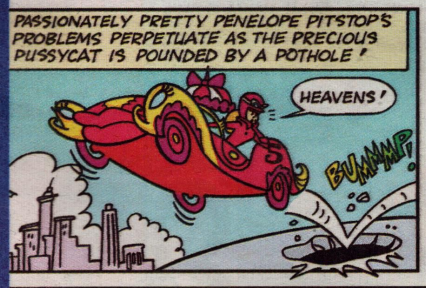

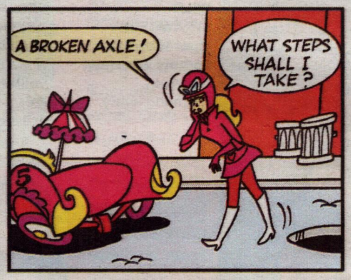

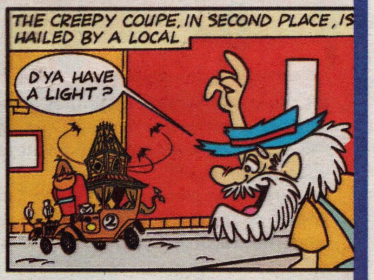

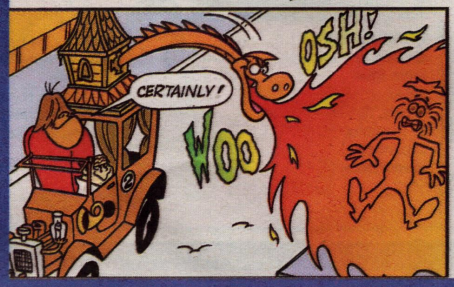

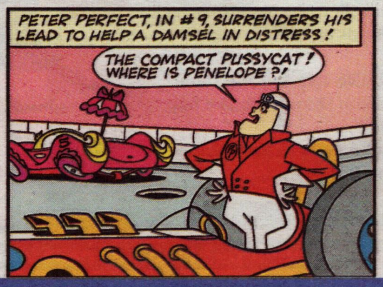

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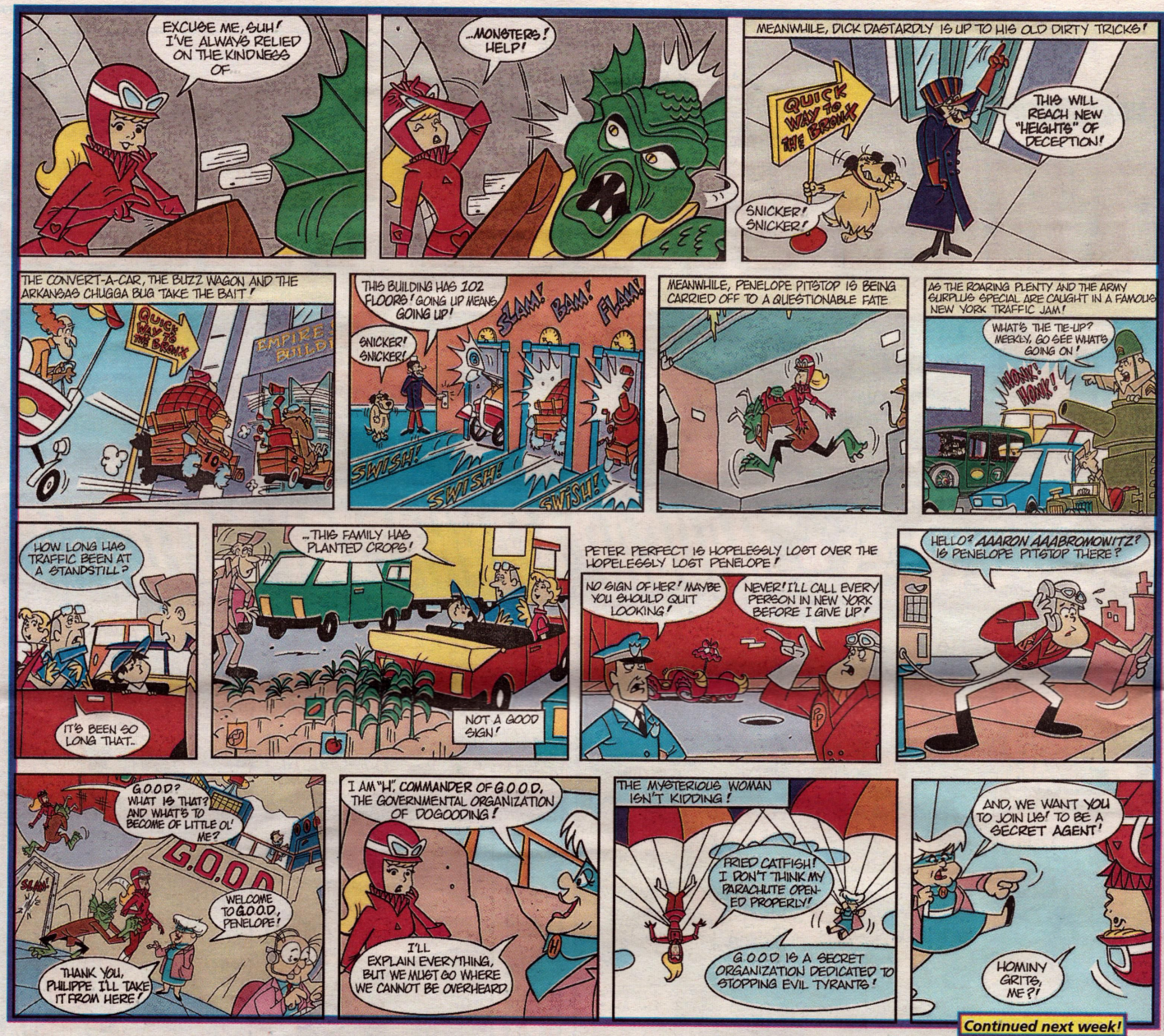

YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR

It's the question most celebrities dread – but the answer can actually reveal your secret side. So, next time somebody asks the colour of crayon that you favour, they could be analysing your personality!

As part of its centenary festivities, Crayola has challenged well known people around the world to reveal their all-time favourite crayon colour – and we've discovered what those colours mean.

So, if you like Wild Strawberry, you're likely to be generous, charming and witty – just like Tiger Woods and Emmerdale's Sammy Winward.

If Robin's Egg Blue takes your fancy, you've selected the same colour as Britney Spears, and the traits you share with the pop queen are serenity and sincerity.

Use our fun table to work out who you're most like and what your colour choice says about your personality.

BLUE
Liam Dolan from Diggin It, Mike Myers, Gary Lineker
Calm, relaxed, loyal, soothing, confident, peaceful, serene, pure, gentle, strong, reliable, patient, true, wise, sincere

WILD STRAWBERRY
Tiger Woods, Sammy Winward
Generous, charming, witty

SCREAMING GREEN
Graham Norton
Hopeful, youthful, creative, artistic

BLIZZARD BLUE
Matt Baker from Blue Peter
Cool, pure, true

RED
Tony Blair, Courteney Cox Arquette, Trevor McDonald
Hot, energetic, loud, courageous, powerful, exciting, intense, impulsive, active, competitive, daring, aggressive, passionate, animated, optimistic, emotional, extrovert

SCARLET
EastEnders' Natalie Cassidy
Courageous, powerful, exciting

VIOLET BLUE
Changing Rooms' Laurence Llewelyn Bowen, Karl Davies
Imaginative, playful

MELON
Helena Bonham Carter
Energetic, loud, courageous, powerful

ROBIN'S EGG BLUE
Britney Spears
Serene, gentle, sincere

TUMBLEWEED
Liz Barker from Blue Peter
Earthy, not at all frivolous, dependable, comfortable

MAGENTA
Whoopi Goldberg
Warm, cheerful, romantic

PINK
Abbie Pethullis from Diggin It
Sophisticated, frilly, feminine

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What's going to happen to Penelope? Find out next week!

FUNDAY NEWS

Ready, steady, ski

The valleys of Engadin in Switzerland were jammed with jostling cross-country skiers this month as 12,263 contestants took part in the 41km dash. The popularity of the event, in which skiers scramble and pull themselves across the relatively level terrain, has increased so much in recent years that competitors in the annual race now have to navigate a heavily congested course. This year's overall winner was Switzerland's Patrick Mächler who crossed the finish line in a time of 1hr 28sec.

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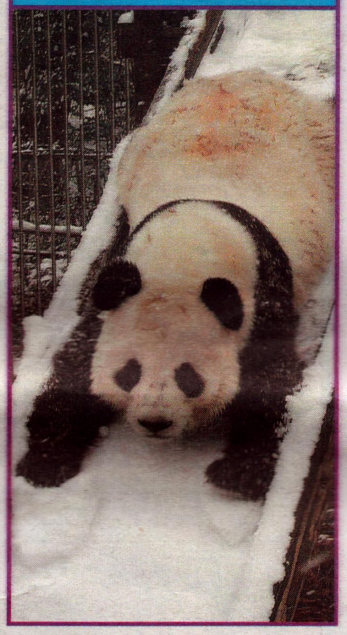
Stamps with attitude

The Royal Mail gets fruity this week with an exciting new range of stamps. The Fun Fruit and Veg selection, available from Tuesday, features a feast of character-building self-adhesive accessories, so that you can add personality to your post.
To create Lucy Lemon of Her Majesty's Citrus Service [below], we took the lemon stamp and added sunglasses, designer lips and trendy shoes. The stamps will be available from Post Offices and more than 400 Sainsbury's stores nationwide.

Panda at play

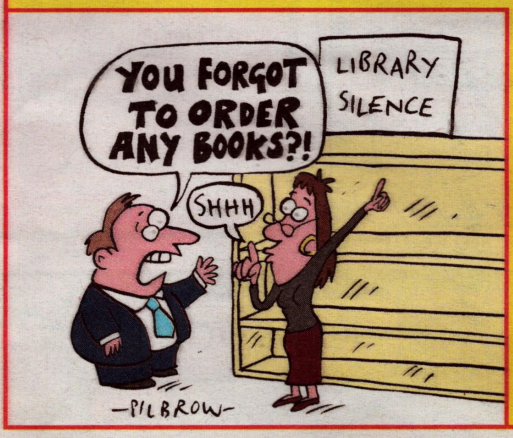
This giant panda was caught on camera having a whale of a time at its new home in China. The natural bamboo forests where giant pandas live in the wild are rapidly disappearing due to economic development, so wildlife officials have moved many pandas into zoos to help protect the species.



Police in Germany arrested a meat thief by following a trail of ham that he left after his butcher's shop burglary. Tiny pork titbits lead all the way to the 26-year-old's front door ... where officers grilled him!

Spineless!

Council chiefs preparing to unveil a new £1 9m library had to shelve plans after somebody forgot to fill it with books! The project, in Emersons Green, Bristol, has already run £175,000 over budget but needs a further £235,000 before there will be books for people to borrow and read. One frustrated resident said: "It is a joke, and one day I hope someone writes a book about it!"

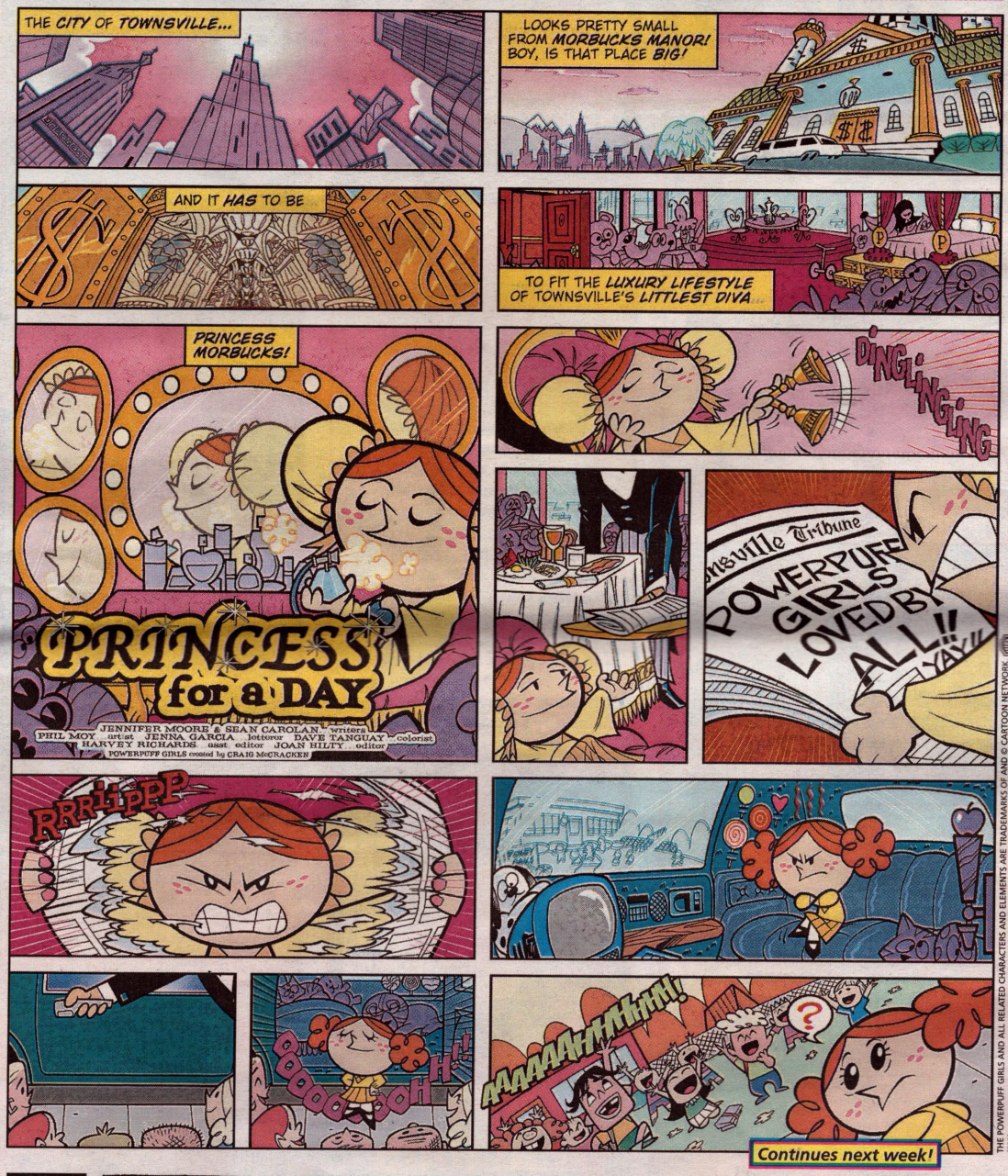


A Japanese businessman missed his flight after boarding an all-night party bus instead of an airport shuttle in Edinburgh. Zenko Kajiyama, 32, from Tokyo, boarded the silver coach marked Club Class, in order to catch his flight to London so that he could attend an early meeting the next day. Unfortunately, Zenko missed his flight and his meeting but enjoyed an evening with rowdy revellers touring local nightspots.

Delicious delivery

Next time you're searching for a greetings card, what about something your sweetheart can really sink his or her teeth into? Brigitte Di Cristofaro, from France, used a mixture of unleavened bread and sugar to create the first palatable postcard, although her candy creation is likely to get a bigger stamp of approval this side of the English Channel. According to a new survey, the UK has the largest sugar confectionary market in Europe – worth £2.2 billion per year. Analysts blame the availability of pick 'n' mix in cinemas, bowling alleys and shopping malls for our incredibly sweet tooth!

THE POWERPUFF GIRLS — PRINCESS FOR A DAY



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NOT SO EASY

Test yourself with these questions that are not as simple as they first appear!

What country do Chinese gooseberries come from?

Chinese gooseberries are better known in the UK as Kiwi fruit, a brown furry fruit with green or gold flesh. Kiwi fruits are native to Asia but are also grown extensively in New Zealand. In the 1960s, Chinese gooseberry farmers in New Zealand decided to market the fruit overseas and changed the name themselves.

What is the main ingredient of Bombay duck?

Bombay duck is not a duck at all, it's an edible lizard fish. In India, it is usually sun dried and often eaten as a cocktail snack. In southern Asia it is also known as bumalo.

What colour is a black box flight recorder?

The investigation into the fate of crashed aeroplanes relies on recovering information from the aircraft's black box, which is actually orange not black. The boxes are housed in strong cases that can withstand impact many times the force of gravity, temperatures of more than 1,000C and the immense pressure of lying at the seabed. The black box records vital flight data for analysis.

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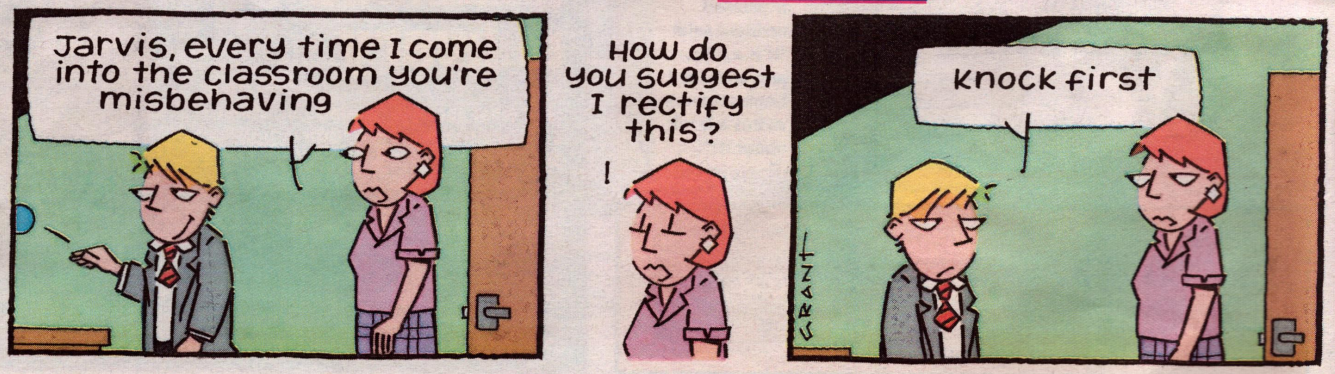
Jarvis



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Another chuckle from Jarvis next week!

FIGHTING TALK

Darius is living his pop star dream these days but, as he tells Dave Coombs, life hasn't always been so sweet

I wasn't exactly the school geek. I don't think there was even a category for me. I wasn't a dork, I was a word that they hadn't made up in the English dictionary. I was the kid that was bullied for being lanky and bullied because I was interested in music and drama.

The other kids were more interested in football and I liked all that stuff but I knew I wanted to do something different too. I wasn't interested in skiving off school to go round the back of the bike sheds and smoke or to start drinking underage. Don't get me wrong, I wanted to have a good time and on a Friday or Saturday night I went out with my mates to maybe grab a movie and go to a party, but I wasn't keen to throw away the opportunity that I had to learn how to play an instrument and write my own songs.

I believe three things spawn bullying. One is jealousy, the other is complete misunderstanding, and the third is insecurity. A bully is usually very insecure and it makes them feel better about themselves to pick on someone else. It makes them feel more powerful and that gives them confidence as an ego boost.

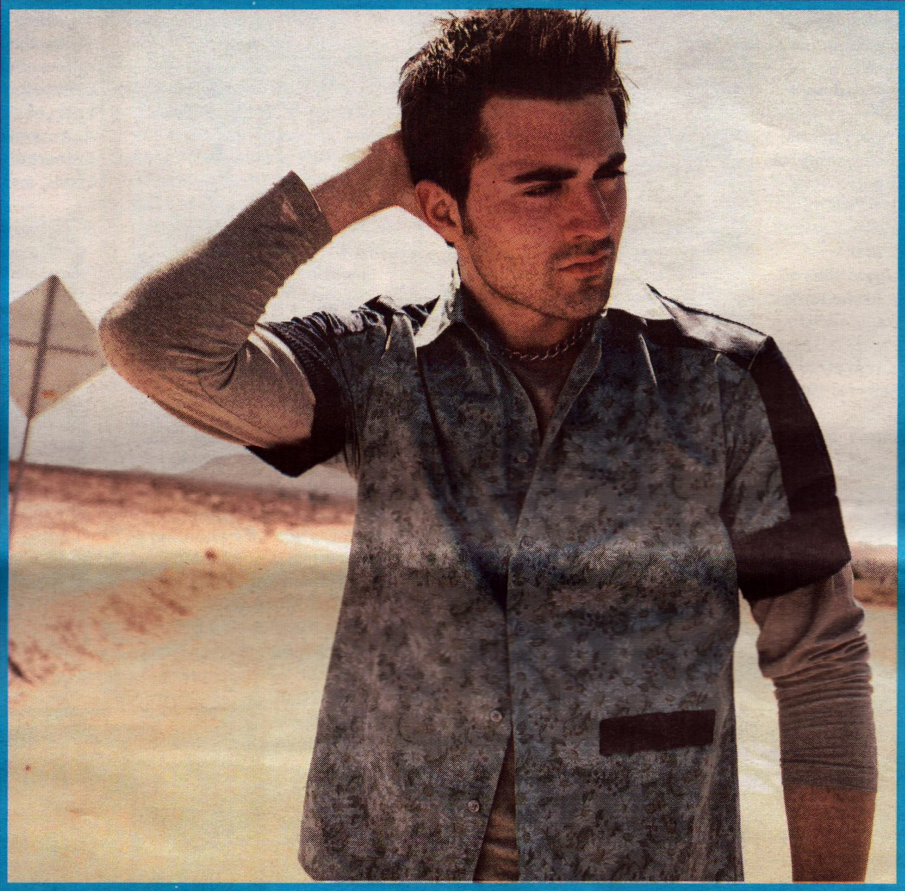
It happens every day and it has probably happened to all of us at some point. Bullies are often the victim of bullying themselves. Maybe in the family or perhaps when they were younger. So it's often a cycle, and unfortunately – or fortunately as I like to think now – I was the object of a bully.

Being bullied allowed me to put a lot in perspective, though, and it made me realise that I needed to work hard towards an outcome that I wanted, which was to be in music.

So, from about the age of 13, I would spend lunchtimes going to the music department and trying to compose my own stuff. I went to a great school but they were very keen that I focussed on academic study and they didn't want me to study music. I wanted to do music very much, so it was always an uphill struggle for me and when they wouldn't let me sit music GCSE because they wanted me to stick to academic subjects and apply for Oxford University, it was hard to swallow.

I had started writing songs at 13 and taught myself to play guitar by the age of 15, so I thought about their decision and decided: "No, I want to study music."

I plucked up the courage to ask again but I was told I had to study chemistry instead. It made me feel very deflated. I seemed to be battling against an invisible ceiling that wouldn't allow me to climb higher. But I went along with the school's decision and also studied music in my spare time. I'd go in at lunchtimes and during spare periods to play the guitar or to sit down at a computer or a piano and do my own stuff. I would learn my own theory too and try to sit in on music lessons during my free periods.



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I could understand the school's point of view, going to university was important, but they were just pushing me in one direction and weren't listening to what I was saying.

So, out of class I was getting bullied for my interest in music and in class I was getting bullied, in a way, by teachers too – by not letting me follow my passion. But it made me even more determined to learn music and, at the end of the day, I got the first A that the school had had in five years.

In class, I was getting bullied by teachers too.

And now, life has done a complete turn around. It's like living the life that I always thought I wanted to live. I can't even articulate it. It's a splash in the face. It's like suddenly having the winning lottery ticket but it all seems very surreal. Even doing this interview. You're asking me about my childhood and my music, where previously all I heard was: "No Darius, you can't do that."

Afterall, I was the guy on the talent show who didn't win. I wasn't good enough to be in the band. So it's really weird, the whole concept is very bizarre. It's made me realise never to take anything for granted, and not to get so caught up in disappointment. To keep trying hard and working hard and realise that self belief and support from your family is really important.

I think that what we all want is to be loved, to have love, to love somebody, whether it's your family or your girlfriend or boyfriend, and also to be understood. I don't feel that I was understood before, but I think people are beginning to understand me and my music a little bit now.

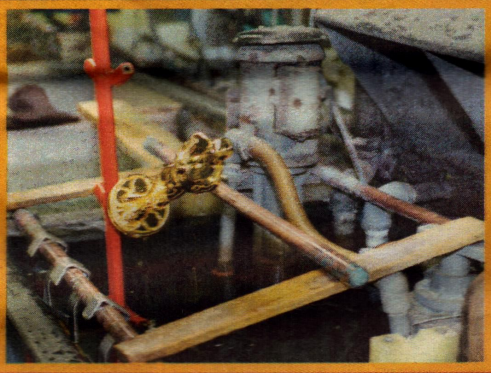
Darius's single, Incredible, is out now – taken from his platinum album, Dive In

AND THE OSC

As Hollywood prepares to celebrate the 75th Academy Awards tonight, Andy Rollé examine

1 The Academy Awards, or Oscars, are one of the film industry's most glamorous events. The annual award ceremony, in Los Angeles, sees the world's biggest movie stars, as well as film makers, walk down the red carpet to the Kodak Theatre, a glittering 3,400-seat auditorium built especially for the Oscars, in Hollywood, in 2001.

2 Many aspects of film production are honoured by the awards and tonight there will be 24 different categories, including best actor, best cinematography, best sound and best make-up. Last year, Halle Berry received the Oscar for Best Actress In A Leading Role. This year, stars such as Catherine Zeta Jones, Nicole Kidman, Daniel Day Lewis, and Michael Caine are all vying for awards.



3 The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, formed in 1927, needed a way of honouring exceptional work in film-making, to encourage the making of higher quality movies. MGM art director Cedric Gibbons designed a gold statuette, which was then created by local sculptor George Stanley – it was the figure of a knight standing on a reel of film, with his hands gripping a sword. The Academy Award was born.

4 Nunzio Giganti supervises the gold plating of one of this year's statuettes at R S Owens & Co, the official manufacturer of Oscar statuettes, in Chicago. Approximately 50 Oscars are made each year. If any fail the strict quality control tests, they are cut in half and melted down.
It takes 20 hours to make each award and the process involves 12 workers. The original Oscar was solid bronze, but now it is gold-plated britannium – a pewter-like alloy – and weighs 3.8kg.

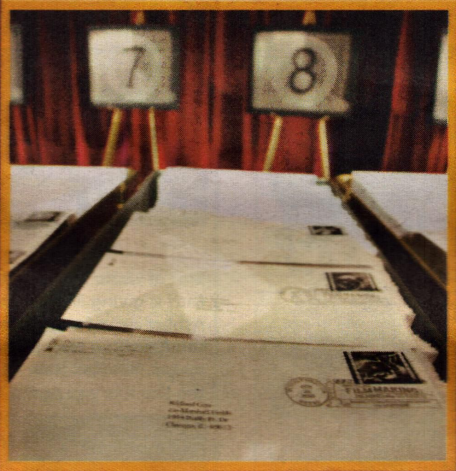
5 Bertha Fuentes attaches each Oscar statuette to its base. Originally made from Belgian black marble [and designed by Cedric Gibbons' assistant, Frederic Hope], the base has been made from metal since 1946. The finished Oscar stands 34.3cm tall and 10.8cm wide. The film reel on which the knight stands incorporates five circles, each representing the original branches of the Academy – producers, writers, technicians, directors and actors. More than 2,400 statuettes have been awarded over the 75 years of the Academy Awards.

6 Officially called the Academy Award of Merit, Oscar got its nickname in the mid-1930s. A weekly entertainment paper even campaigned to call it The Iro Man, but the origins of the nickname are unclear. The popular theory is that an Academy librarian claimed the statuette resembled her uncle Oscar.

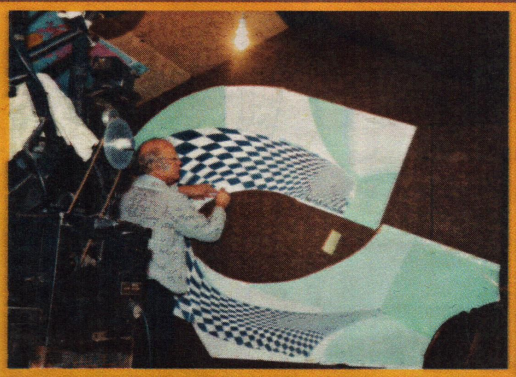
AR GOES TO...

s the history of this glitzy event and the coveted gold statuette that everyone calls Oscar!

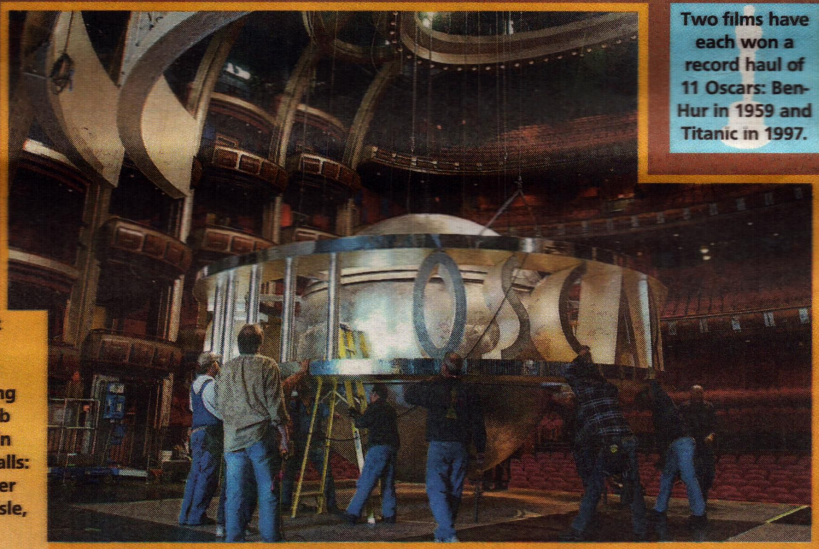
7 Members of the Academy vote to determine the nominees and winners. For the Best Picture category, every member writes down his or her five favourites from the eligible films released during the previous year. The five films that receive the most votes are then listed as the Best Picture nominees. A second vote takes place to pick the winner. Final ballot forms are sent to members about one month before the ceremony.



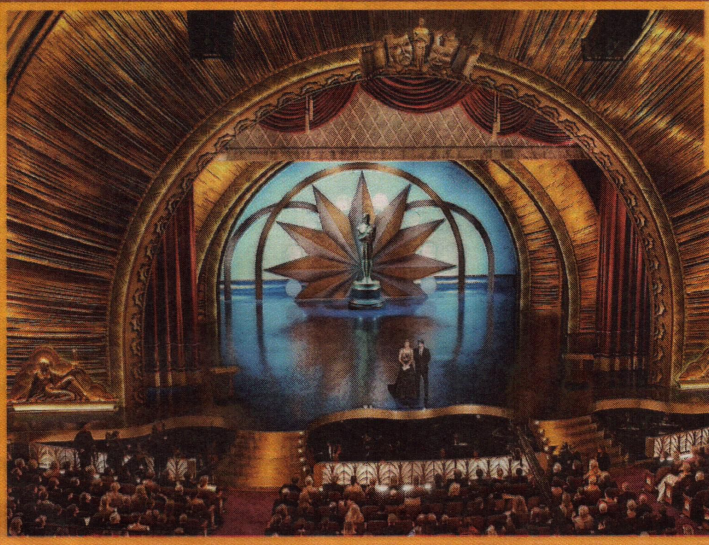
8 Academy member Roy Naisbitt, is an animator from the UK who worked on the Oscar-winning Who Framed Roger Rabbit. Like all members, Roy had to be nominated by two people in the Academy before an official panel ruled that he merited a place. Each week, Roy is invited to film screenings in London, to view eligible films. These business-like screenings are taken seriously – there is no popcorn or hot dogs and everyone must remain seated until the credits have rolled.



Two films have each won a record haul of 11 Oscars: Ben-Hur in 1959 and Titanic in 1997.

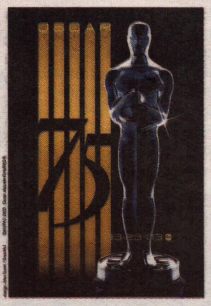


9 The centrepiece of this year's lavish stage set for the ceremony will be Oscar's World – a shimmering three-ton sphere adorned with an Oscar 75 logo. Like all Oscar ceremonies, it's going to be a night to remember. British film maker Bob Godfrey, winner of an Oscar for Best Short Film in 1976 and nominated in 1973, 1980 and 1994, recalls: "They were magnificent occasions that I will never forget. But if you get a seat that isn't near the aisle, the chances are you haven't won!"



10 The lengthy ceremony is watched by millions on TV, and organisers even have a contingency to ensure the theatre doesn't look half empty when the stars take a break. "There are people there dressed in dinner suits and white trainers," recalls Bob Godfrey. "When anyone goes to the loo, one of these men would dash over and fill their seat. It was hilarious but incredibly well organised."

Due to metal shortages during the second world war, the Oscars were made from plaster. After the war, the plaster figures could be redeemed for gold-plated ones.



Set your video! Because of the eight hour time difference between the UK and LA, the Oscars will be live on BBC1 from 1.55am tomorrow morning. Highlights of the ceremony will be shown tomorrow, on BBC1, at 10.35pm.

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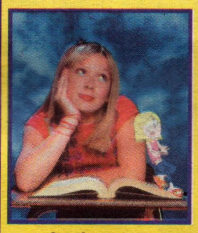
WEBBY'S WORLD

www.bounceathon.org

The Bounceathon aims to get youngsters enjoying tennis while helping to raise money for Sargent Cancer Care for Children and the Cliff Richard Tennis Foundation. Schools and tennis clubs can register to take part in learning basic racket skills – so tell your teacher if you'd like to get involved. Bounce to it!

www.hilaryduff.com

Star of Lizzie McGuire, Hilary Duff is giving Mary-Kate & Ashley a run for their money in the American teen popularity stakes. The Ask Hilary link on the site lets you post a question, and read the answers to other fans' queries. You can also get the latest on Hilary's two forthcoming movie projects – Agent Cody Banks and The Lizzie McGuire Movie.



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FRESH!

BADGE IT! ★★★★★

Badge It! has been huge in Japan and this machine should re-ignite the badge-making craze that swept the UK in the 1980s. The devise is easy to operate and with it you can use magazine pictures or photographs to create your own custom badges to accessorize your bags and clothes. Each machine costs £15 and comes with 15 badges with ready-made designs and refill packs containing a further 15 badges are £4 each. Wear it out!

TOY

SANGAM AT URBIS ★★★★★

The Urbis creative and cultural centre in Manchester is staging a celebration of South Asian arts and crafts [until May 10] – featuring toys, puppets, kites and traditional games made of papier-mâche, wood, recycled products and metalwork. The display is designed to recreate the ambience of a nature bazaar in New Delhi. Also on show will be work by Pakistani artist Ruby Chishti and May 3 will be a day of workshops – including art, dancing and music – that everyone can join in.

EVENT

BRATZ BOY ★★★★★

Bratz Yasmin, Cloe, Meygan, Sasha and Jade now have some cool company with the arrival of Cameron and Dylan. As the names suggest, the boys have the image of American college cool and wouldn't look out of place on Dawson's Creek or hanging out with Mary-Kate and Ashley. Looks wise, they're a mixture of Brad Pitt and Matt Damon though for some they may be a little too clean-cut. They're the perfect friends for the Bratz girls. Way!

DOLLS

FUNDAY STARS

SWEPT AWAY?

Just who is going to survive the storm when Home And Away's biggest storyline hits the bay on Thursday? The residents of Summer Bay are in the mood for a celebration, to mark the town's 150th birthday – but not everybody is going to leave the party smiling.

The special event lures some familiar old faces back to the bay, including Matt, Sophie, Blake, Steven, Lance, Martin, Floss, Celia, Carly, Frank and Sam. As the characters from yesteryear mingle with the current cast, everybody gets ready to board the Mirigini for an evening of partying. Kirsty's been grounded, but she sneaks onto the boat anyway, unaware that Rhys and Shelley are also on board. Retreating to the crew room, Kirtsy comes face to face with bad boy Kane, who's working on the boat. Meanwhile, up on deck, Irene and new headteacher Paris are laughing and enjoying each other's company – could romance be in the air?

Back at the Surf Club, those residents that missed out on the cruise, gear up for their own informal party. While Alf prepares a speech to welcome the ex-pats, Floss is troubled. She has a premonition that scares her, she senses that something terrible is about to happen ... and she is right.

The celebration turns to a nightmare when the Mirigini begins to take in water, below deck. The swell increases and gale force winds start to blow. The partygoers all panic when the water below deck rises and mayhem ensues.

"We are adrift and taking on water, abandon ship. We are launching life rafts. Mayday, mayday mayday", the Captain yells. And that is the last they hear from the boat.

Who will survive the tragedy? You'll have to watch to find out.

Catch Home And Away on Five, weekdays at 6pm.

DIVA DANNII

As her new album Neon Nights hits the charts, Stars chats to Aussie pop star Dannii Minogue about her musical influences and London's new congestion charge!

Hi Dannii, how would you describe your new album?

Neon Nights has finally been released after what felt like a long, long wait. The album has a 1980s flavour and is pretty much non-stop pop and dance music. It took a year to make and I wanted to create a sound that reminded me of being a teenager.

What were you up to in the 1980s?

I was a very naughty girl because I went to my first night club when I was only 14! I had a great time even though I knew it was totally wrong. Because I grew up working in TV, most of my friends were a lot older than me and as a result I didn't really hang out with kids my age.

What is your favourite song on the album?

The one that has the most meaning to me is the ballad towards the end of the album, titled It Won't Work Out. It is about a relationship break-up and I wrote it with two close friends. After we started writing, one of them was diagnosed with cancer, so that track is definitely the most poignant. Thankfully, he has made a full recovery.

Did you enjoy making the album?

Neon Nights was my first real big go at writing and I was so happy to be back in the studio. I fell in love with it. It was so fulfilling and I definitely want to do more – I have already got ideas for another album.

Is there a story behind the album's name?

Good album titles are difficult to think of and the majority of your ideas always sound naff! The story behind Neon Nights is that I wanted to choose something that instantly said night-time, club music and pop. I also wanted it to sound a little bit retro.

Living in London, do you miss Australia?

I miss home immensely but I do try and go and see my parents at least once a year. With this album, I've been doing a lot of promotion around Europe and I'm really hassling my record company to send me to Australia.

One thing I definitely wouldn't miss about London is its congestion charge! I know that I am totally going to forget to buy a ticket one day and land myself with an £80 fine, and that's so steep!

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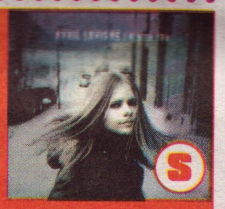
I'M WITH YOU Avril Lavigne ★★★★★

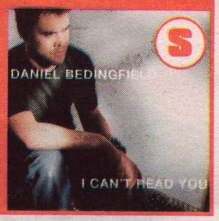


Avril is one of those performers who has shot from unknown to international star in one deft manoeuvre. Her singles Complicated and Sk8r Boi catapulted the 17-year-old singer songwriter into the big league, and she now has legions of fans across the globe. Her songwriting skills are a welcome contrast to manufactured pop, and I'm With You contains touching lyrics and a beautifully crafted tune. Not as instantly appealing and raucous as Sk8r Boi, perhaps, this track reveals another side to Avril – and it's just as good.

SIGNS ★★★★☆

This film had the critics divided. Is Signs a work of genius or a load of codswallop? There's no doubt that the film has some truly nerve-jangling scenes – hence the 12 certificate. This story of rural family life – with Mel Gibson as a former priest at its head – deals with the mysterious appearance of crop circles and an alien invasion. What's going on? At times it is totally gripping, but this is far from just a scary movie, the family's sad past and beliefs are also woven into the emotional plot, too.

I CAN'T READ YOU Daniel Bedingfield ★★★★☆



Daniel's self imposed mission statement is to never release a single that people might expect. And so, Daniel's picked yet another style for his new single – this time it's light strummy rock, and just to give fans a treat, he's re-recorded the album version for this release. The single has a raw vibe to it – and Daniel's croaky vocals in the middle and at the very end give it the atmosphere of a live performance. Talking of which, DB is on the road this month if you want to catch him live.

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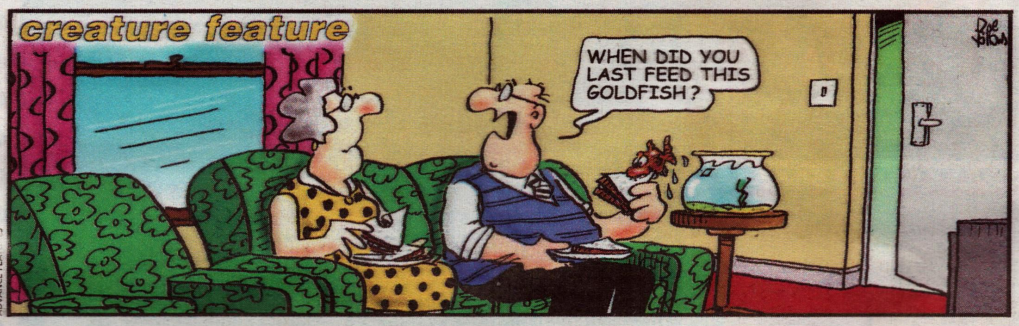
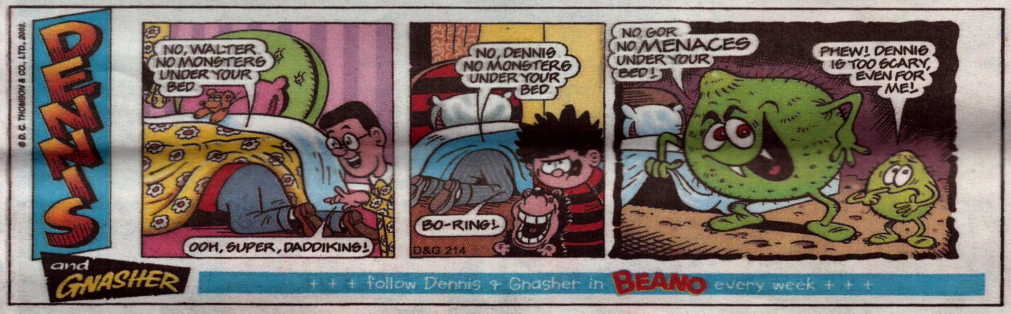
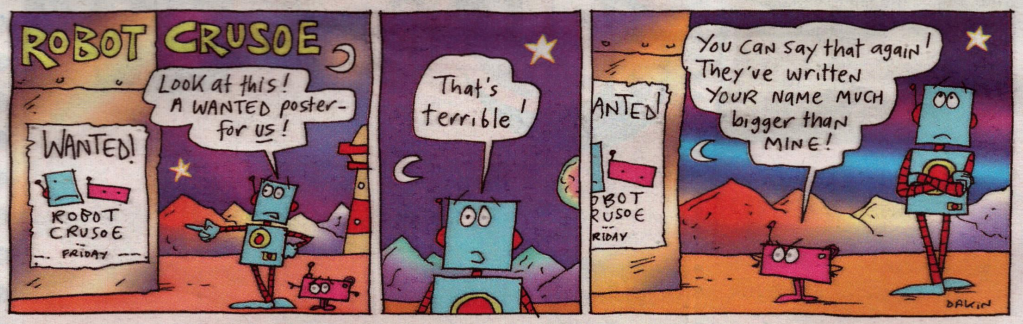






NEXT WEEK

PICTURE: JASON CAIN

Pop star Billie Crawford is causing a stir in Europe with his fab new single and he's heading to the UK soon

Enjoy the cartoon adventures of a crazy new character known as Space Raoul!

Get the lowdown on this year's boat race and find out who Funday thinks will win!

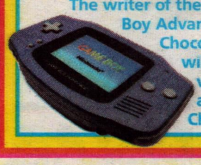
f-mail

Send your letters, cartoons, jokes and drawings to: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX Send your e-mail to: funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk

CHOCS AWAY!

Top-notch chocolate maker Kinder has unveiled a great tasting choccie bar, the Kinder Chocolate Maxi. Its delicious taste and energy-boosting qualities will ensure that you have fun to the max this spring. Rich with milk, this delightful treat is available throughout the UK and at a cool price of 19p, you'd be mad to miss out.

The writer of the star f-mail will receive a Game Boy Advance and a yummy box of Kinder Chocolate Maxi. The other f-mailers will each win £30 worth of music vouchers and a box of Kinder Chocolate Maxi.



STAR

Dear f-mail,
This is a photo of my dad, aged 50. He says reading Funday is brilliant and makes all the bad news in newspapers better. He also learns a lot.
Hannah Ollerenshaw, 10, Ross

Dear f-mail,
I love dinosaurs. Here are some jokes about them:

What do you get if you cross a dinosaur with a dog?
A very nervous milkman!
What do you call a dinosaur with high heels?
My feet-are-saurus!
Why didn't the dinosaur cross the road?
Because roads weren't invented!
Jolene David, New Barnet

Krishma Sangani, Middlesex

FUNDAY

WIN IT!

COMPETITION ADDRESS Send answers to all competitions to us at: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU95 1AY or funday.comps@sunday-times.co.uk [only one e-mail per entrant please]
Competition deadline: April 2
Entrants to Funday competitions must be 16 or under.

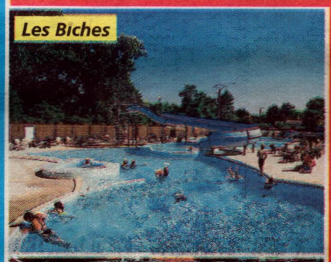
FUN CENTRAL

Get ready to enter a world bursting with pop and glamour, or a kingdom filled with fun and fantasy. In May, Eurocamp will unveil two fab and funky tents in France that will be crammed with fantastical things to do and see. One tent will be an Aladdin's cave of treasures, decked with wonderful bedding, music, costumes, magic potions, tricks, fantasy books and more.

The other will have a Pop Idol theme, featuring posters of Gareth Gates, a CD player and the latest tracks by Gareth and other top chart acts. This groovy tent is also kitted out with a karaoke machine, dance mat and make-up and hair accessories galore – ideal for creating that pop star look.

Two lucky Funday readers can each win a family holiday [two adults and up to three children] during which they will enjoy exclusive use of their own special holiday tent. The winners will also be allowed to bring the themed contents of their amazing tents home!

The seven-night holidays [which must begin on May 24] are both self-drive and include Dover-Calais ferry crossings. The Pop Idol tent will be at the La Tranche Du Jard Holiday Parc and the magical tent will be at the Les Biches Holiday Parc in St Hilaire, both in the Vendee region of France. For more info on Eurocamp, visit www.eurocamp.co.uk



Les Biches

La Tranche Du Jard

To enter, tell us the name usually given to a circus tent.

Mark your entry EUROCAMP and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above. Don't forget to state which themed tent you would like to stay in.

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BART FOR BREKKIE

There's no d'oh! about it, breakfast will be more fun-packed than ever now that The Simpsons have teamed up with cereal giant Kellogg's. When you're munching your favourite morning meal, you can now wake up to Springfield's finest – Bart and Homer. The two cartoon funsters appear on limited-edition watches and by collecting two special packs of Kellogg's cereal you can decorate your wrist with one of them, for free! This super Simpsons promotion can be found on Kellogg's Frosties, Rice Krispies, Coco Pops, or Bart Simpson's NoProblemOs and watches can be snapped up on the spot at supermarkets across the UK.

There are four different designs to choose from, two featuring Homer and two featuring Bart, and they come on a choice of red, blue, yellow or black watches.

To mark the launch of these fab watches, Kellogg's is offering two lucky Funday readers a Sony DVD/VCR player, DVD boxed-sets of The Simpsons series one and two, three other Simpsons DVDs, a Simpsons watch, a set of Simpsons fridge magnets and two boxes of Kellogg's NoProblemOs each! Plus, 25 runners-up will each win a Simpsons watch, a set of Simpsons magnets and two boxes of NoProblemOs.

To enter, tell us the name of the family that live next door to the Simpsons

Mark your entry KELLOGG'S and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.

Normal TNL competition rules apply to all Funday Times competitions

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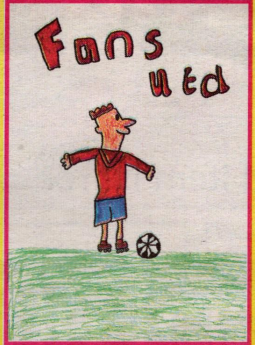
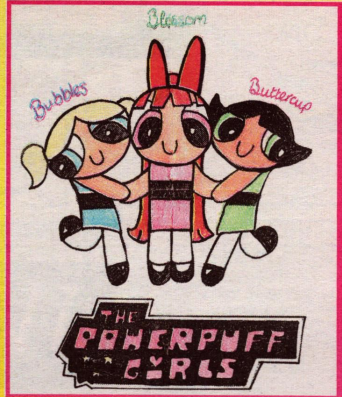
Dear f-mail,
This letter is in response to Jessie Lockyer's letter in issue 703. I agree that people should not forget about football clubs that are maybe not as famous as teams in the Premiership, such as Manchester United or Arsenal, but people do not always support these teams because they win trophies. I support Man United but last season we didn't win anything. Does that mean I support Arsenal now? No, it doesn't. Lots of people accuse me of being a "glory-hunter" but I chose Man Utd because they have an exciting style of play and lots of talent. You can support whoever you want as long as you do it whole-heartedly and because you appreciate their football.
Prachi Trivedi, 14, London



Katrina Baillie-Smith, 12, Shrewsbury

Dear f-mail,
I totally agree with Jessie Lockyer [issue 703] about supporting your local football team. I support Hull City, who are only in Division Three and often lose matches. I can assure you that there will now be loads more Liverpool fans because they just won the Worthington Cup. However bad your local team is, STAY LOYAL!
Robert Sykes, 13, Driffield



Dear f-mail,
I love the Powerpuff Girls and I think it's the best comic strip in Funday. I have drawn a picture of them.
Clodagh Hogan, Cork, Ireland

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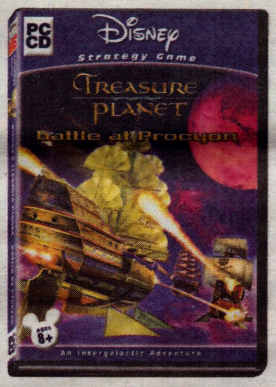

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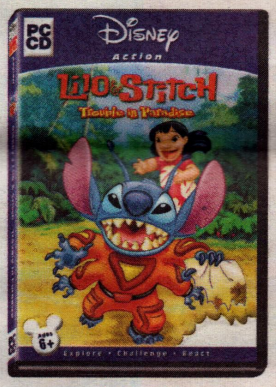

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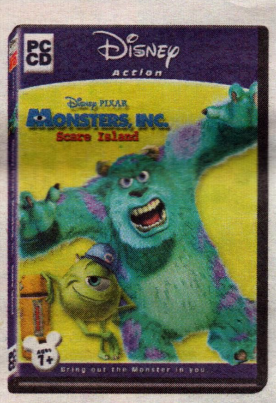

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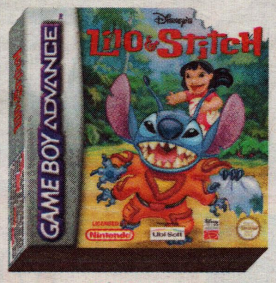

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